

Press Release

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As a result of information received regarding possible drug trafficking activities taking place within Just Teazin Gentleman's Club, an adult cabaret located at 1740 N. Ridge Road, Painesville Township, Lake County, Ohio, the Eastlake Police Department and Madison Township Police Department began a joint investigation into this alleged activity. The investigation began in November of 2009.

Through the use of undercover police officers, as well as the use of confidential informants, investigators were able to make numerous purchases of illegal narcotics to include marijuana, crack cocaine and prescription medications from employees of Just Teazin.

On 05/06/10 a search warrant was executed at Just Teazin by the Lake County Sheriff's Office with assistance from officers from the Eastlake Police Department, Willoughby Police Department, Mentor Police Department, Madison Township Police Department, State of Ohio BCI&I and Ohio Liquor Control Agents.

As a result of this investigation an employee of Just Teazin, identified as a one Zachary L. Thorpe, (DOB 09/14/1968) of 5614 Huss Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio was taken into custody and charged with several counts of drug trafficking as well as being in possession of a firearm (felony), as he is a convicted felon.

In addition, the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Liquor Control Agents also issued infraction violations to the permit holder of the business, a Mr. Kenneth Martin of Painesville, Ohio.

Based on this investigation, additional charges may be forthcoming against not only the business permit holder for additional liquor law violations but also Mr. Thorpe for additional like and related criminal charges, as well.

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